Formation of Shaheed Sardar Bhagat Singh Birth Centenary Committee

746. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal in PMO to form a Shaheed Sardar Bhagat Singh Birth Centenary Committee under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister; and

(b) whether Government have requested Pakistan Government to allow Centenary functions at his birth place in Pakistan and also to have memorials in Lahore where he shot the police officer to avenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai and where he was hanged?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A National Committee under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister has been constituted to commemorate, amongst others, the Birth Centenary of Shaheed Sardar Bhagat Singh.

(b) No, Sir.

Beautification of Safdarjung Tomb

747. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Archaeological Survey of India to beautify Safdarjung Tomb and its surroundings in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Council, so as to make it worthy of visits by tourists both Indians and foreigners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Tomb would be opened for visits by tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has a proposal to restore the Safdarjung Tomb and beautify its surroundings. The NDMC has been requested to hand over the land infront of the monument for landscaping and maintenance.

(b) The structural conservation of the main tomb, entrance gateway and enclosure wall, revitalization of the garden and environmental